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Three Rivers, Michigan

Our family has been growing strawberries at this location since 1910—almost a half century. During these years we tried a great many varieties, keeping only those kinds which proved outstanding and quickly discarding those of little merit. Our aim is not to list a great many varieties, but to offer several of the very best kinds. By concentrating on fewer varieties we can keep our prices lower, and by careful selection we have varieties which are tops both for the commercial grower and for the home gardener.

All plants are fresh dug as needed to fill orders—no storage plants. Plants are carefully packed in order to reach the customer in good growing condition. Our shipping season starts in March (as soon as we can work the ground) and lasts until early May. When ordering, mention date you would like to have plants and we will ship as nearly as possible to the time you request. As we ship only fresh dug plants, shipping is sometimes temporarily held up by weather conditions.

Our plants are certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Order early — early planting is best. Plant just as soon as you can work the ground in the spring.

Prices in this list include transportation—you pay only the listed price.

Small orders are shipped by parcel post, large orders either by parcel post or express—whichever we consider best. When ordering, write or print your name and address plainly.

No C.O.D. orders as they entail too much expense, both for the customer and for us.

In case of inability to fill an order, return of the customer's money shall release us from any further liability, whatsoever.

Guaranty

We guarantee our plants to be true to name and also guarantee all plants to be carefully packed and shipped in good growing condition. We cannot guarantee continued growth as that depends on many factors beyond our control, such as weather conditions, care in planting, etc.

It is mutually agreed that in any event we will not be liable for more than the purchase price of the plants. PREMIER—The best early strawberry and a leading variety for both the commercial grower and for the home gardener for more than 40 years. An extra heavy producer of large beautiful berries. Ripens very early and continues to bear for a long period. One of the most dependable varieties. Very firm and a good shipper. Wonderful for jam, jelly and freezing, as well as to use fresh from the field.

50 for \$1.60	300 for \$ 6.75
100 for \$2.50	500 for \$10.00
200 for \$4.75	1000 for \$17.00

FAIRFAX—If you would like to grow the very best flavored berry of them all, by all means plant Fairfax. The berry is dark red clear through, large, sweet, delicious and very firm. Plants are large and vigorous, making a good fruiting row.

50 for \$1.60	300 for \$ 6.75
100 for \$2.50	500 for \$10.00
200 for \$4.75	1000 for \$17.00

CATSKILL—Ripens mid-season to late. A very heavy producer of large, bright red berries of good quality. An excellent variety either for market or for the home garden. One of the very best for freezing.

50 for \$1.50	300 for \$ 6.00
100 for \$2.25	500 for \$ 8.75
200 for \$4.25	1000 for \$15.50

ROBINSON — Fine late variety. Yields great crops of very large scarlet berries. A good plant maker. This variety is widely used by commercial growers and is also great for the home gardener.

50 for \$1.50	300 for \$ 6.00
100 for \$2.25	500 for \$ 8.75
200 for \$4.25	1000 for \$15.50

DUNLAP — An old mid-season variety which is still a favorite. One of the hardiest varieties grown. Makes a wide row of plants. This variety thrives with less care than most other kinds. Berry is dark and very fine flavored, excellent for canning or freezing.

50 fo	r \$1.40	300	for	\$	5.25
100 fo	r \$2.00	500	for	\$	7.75
200 fo	r \$3.75	1000	for	\$1	14.50

DORSETT—Large, bright, luscious berries which are very showy and sell well. Ripens early and is very productive. One of the very best for using fresh and also very good for freezing.

50	for	\$1.40	300	for	\$	5.25
100	for	\$2.00	500	for	\$	7.75
200	for	\$3.75	1000	for	\$1	4.50

EVERBEARERS

The everbearing varieties DO NOT bear ALL the time but they DO BEAR the SAME YEAR they are planted. The blossom stems should be removed until about July 1-15 from everbearers planted this spring, this will allow the plants to grow large enough to produce a good crop during most of August, September and October. Next year do not remove the spring blossoms, your everbearers will produce a crop in June, then after several weeks rest the plants will send out fruit stems for a light fall crop. We have always had the biggest fall crops of berries the first season after planting. To produce berries through so much of the season the everbearing varieties need rich soil and plenty of moisture. As the fall crop is produced during a time of the year in which rainfall is not likely to be sufficient in many localities, some provision should be made to irrigate to get the best possible crop from your plants. Now this DOES NOT mean that you HAVE to irrigate, as many successful growers do not provide artificial irrigation, but is does mean that, IF you have NEVER tried everbearers before and IF you DO NOT have a way to PROVIDE WATER when your plants need it, TAKE IT EASY, plant only a hundred or so everbearers until you FIND OUT how well you can do with them. Then if all is well and you are CONVINCED you can make money with them, we will be glad to sell you THOUSANDS of everbearer plants NEXT YEAR.

Whether you need 100 everbearers or whether you need thousands—we have a large supply of extra fine plants and will be pleased to have your order.

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GEM—This variety has always been the most dependable of the everbearers for us. The berries are bright red and delicious. Gem plants are small but productive. If you have never tried everbearers before, Gem is the variety to plant. Also best for the market garden, as Gem is the moneymaking everbearer. Under good growing conditions this variety makes a wide row and a good crop both in the fall and in June.

50 for \$1.60 300 for \$ 6.75 100 for \$2.50 500 for \$10.00 200 for \$4.75 1000 for \$17.00

STREAMLINER — Although Streamliner does not produce quite as heavily as the Gem the berry is darker colored and sweeter. The plant is vigorous and hardy. One of the newer everbearers which is already one of the leaders.

50 for \$1.85 300 for \$ 8.25 100 for \$3.00 500 for \$13.00 200 for \$5.75 1000 for \$23.00

MASTODON—We dropped Mastodon from our list several years ago as for us it did not do as well as some other everbearers, but as we had so many requests for it we decided to list it again. This is an old-time variety and was widely planted for many years. The berry is good but has a core which makes the hull somewhat difficult to remove. All everbearers require rich soil and plenty of moisture and this is especially true of Mastodon.

50 for \$1.75 100 for \$2.75 200 for \$5.25 300 for \$7.50 500 for \$12.00 1000 for \$21.50

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